

STB Finance Docket No. 34316 (Sub-No. 1)

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Chairman Nober, Commissioner Morgan, good morning.

These four decisions submitted for your consideration are not consolidated, but are presented together because the railroad petitioner in each case seeks partial revocation of the trackage rights class exemption at 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) to permit the expiration of previously authorized temporary trackage rights.

In STB Finance Docket No. 34316 (Sub-No. 1), the temporary trackage rights are to allow The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company access to the line it is constructing between Kamey and Seadrift, TX, over two segments of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Port Lavaca Subdivision. In the next three decisions, the purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to allow UP to use BNSF's lines while maintenance and repair work is performed on UP's main lines.

The temporary trackage rights in these proceedings have already been authorized under the class exemption. Limiting the terms of the trackage rights is consistent with the limited scope of the transactions previously exempted and will have no adverse impact on shippers on the lines. Accordingly, the draft decisions grant the petitions for partial revocation of the class exemption.

This concludes my statement. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.